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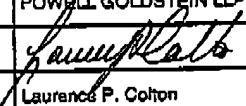
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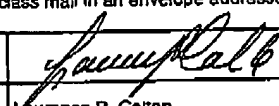
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	First Named Inventor	FOCKE	
	Art Unit	3721	
	Examiner Name	Truong, T.K.	
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Filing Date: 14 November 2001

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WRAPPER AS WELL AS REEL UNIT

Art Unit: 3721

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The following is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 18 August 2005 from Examiner Thanh K. Truong of Art Unit 3721 in a good faith effort to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

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Claims Amendments begin on page 4

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STATUS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

The Abstract has been objected to.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 USC 112.

Claims 1, 6, 21 and 22 have been rejected under 35 USC 103.

Claims 2-5 and 7-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

NO EXTENSION OF TIME

This response is being filed within the three (3) month shortened statutory period and no extension of time is required.

NO EXCESS CLAIMS FEE

The fee for twenty (20) total claims and four (4) independent claims has been paid. This response results in four (4) total claims and four (4) independent claims and no excess claims fee is required.